

Is Online Learning For You?

Self Evaluation for Potential Online Students

Will e-learning suit your lifestyle, fit your circumstances and educational needs? These are basic questions to ask yourself when deciding whether to take on online course.

TECHNICAL SKILLS

1. Do you have access to a computer with Internet connectivity?
 Yes No
2. Do you have a current email account?
 Yes No
3. Are you comfortable with computers and new technology?
 Yes No
4. Can you create, save, and manage files?
 Yes No
5. Do you know how to "cut and paste"?
 Yes No

LEARNING STYLE CONSIDERATATIONS

1. Do you enjoy reading?
 Yes No
2. Are you comfortable communicating in writing?
 Yes No
3. Considering your personal and professional schedule, do you have enough time (at least 4 to 6 hrs. per week) to dedicate to your online class?
 Yes No
4. Can you prioritize your workload?
 Yes No
5. Do you think that you can have a quality learning experience without having face-to-face interaction with an instructor?
 Yes No

How to interpret your answers:

If you answered YES to the majority of the questions, you should be comfortable taking online courses.

If you hesitated to answer YES to Learning Style Considerations, you may find distance learning more challenging. Remember, online interaction can be less satisfying than face-to-face instruction.

If you answered NO to any of the technical questions, online learning may not be for you. At the very least, you will have to spend some time learning the technology in addition to the coursework. BCCC recommends CIS 110, CIS 111 or a Continuing Education computer course if you feel that you lack the necessary computer skills to succeed in this environment.

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